

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 2-4, 8, 13-14 and 17-25 will be all the claims pending in the application. Claims 9-12, 15-16 and 26-29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application directed at these claims.

As a result of an interview conducted with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that all the claims were patentable over the cited art, and that claims 2-4, 8, 13-14 and 17-25 were allowable but further search was required of claims 9-12, 15-16 and 26-29.

Accordingly, entry of the above amendments and allowance of claims 2-4, 8, 13-14 and 17-25 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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